

## BACK TO STAGE TO CHARM BROADWAY

Gerome Edwardy, Ten Years Ago a Gay Sprite of the Footlights, Will Soon Be a Frohman Star.

### NOW BARONESS WERTHEIMER

She and Her Chums, Christie Carlyle and Clara Agnew, Were Known as "The Three Graces" by Those Who Worshipped Them.

The calcium light has not failed for Gerome Edwardy. This gay sprite of ten years ago is coming back to the white glare of Broadway. She has decided to leave the baronial halls of her husband, the Baron Wertheimer, and accept an engagement as a Frohman star.

This announcement of the return of the Baroness Wertheimer to the stage should summon up a panorama of glittering memories to those who knew the Long White Way late in the afternoon in the days before Lexow and reform. Then the beautiful Gerome Edwardy added sparkle to the champagne and piquancy to the pate de foie gras. There were jeweled favors at those suppers and toasts in dainty satin slippers.

One of the Graces Dead. There were three chums then, Christie Carlyle, Clara Agnew and Gerome Edwardy. Broadway called them the Three Graces and worshipped at their shrine. But the same grim hand of time that brought the Lexow and the hush to the Tenderloin wrought many changes in the lives of the Three Graces. Last summer they found Christie Carlyle's body up in a swamp in the Bronx. It had lain there for a week with a little tell-tale bottle labeled "carbolic acid" beside it.

Clara Agnew (Mrs. Daniel J. Reed) has settled down to the quiet humdrum of her matronly duties, and for a time it seemed that Gerome would remain satisfied with quiet walks on the Paris boulevards and stately dinners in the houses of her husband's friends.

But the friends of this former dashing debutante have learned that the Baroness Wertheimer has proved too strong for the Baron, and that she will return to the footlights next season. For the last five years she has been a constant pupil of Mme. Marchesa.

Accepted Frohman's Offer. Last summer the Shuberts proposed to star her in a new musical opera they will present next fall. Though the offer was a liberal one the Baroness would not consider it. Other managers met with similar disappointment, until finally the Frohmans have made an offer that their former chorus girl has accepted.

The Baroness Wertheimer was the daughter of a Hungarian nobleman who settled in this country as a young man. She was born in Savannah but moved to New York when still a young girl. She had hardly deserted her frocks for a trailing gown when she entered the chorus.

## EXPLOSION KNOCKS TROOPS FROM BED

Several Injured When Boiler Blew Up at Fort Trumbull and Tore Through Sleeping Quarters of the Men.

(Special to The Evening World.) NEW LONDON, Conn., Feb. 17.—Several soldiers were injured early to-day by the explosion of a boiler at Fort Trumbull, which wrecked the sleeping quarters of the troops and started a fire that threatened some of the buildings at the fort.

The boiler, which was of twenty-two horse power, and located in the main engine room, blew up before dawn, wrecking the building, while huge pieces of iron ploughed through a section of the barracks and knocked the men from their beds.

The flying debris struck a number of the troops, while a blast of flames burned some slightly. One of the victims had his shoulder broken. The fire was quickly extinguished, the damage not going over \$2,000.

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## CAPTAIN TELLS OF L. E. SEARS'S SUICIDE

Commander of the Martinique Says the Merchant Suddenly Leaped Overboard—No Cause for Act, Declares His Partner.

Telegrams from Capt. Dillon, of the steamer Martinique, in port at Miami, Fla., tell the story of how Louis E. Sears, president of the Sears & Roebuck Company, of No. 107 Reade street, this city, jumped overboard Monday night. One of the messages was received by J. M. Briggs, a partner of Mr. Sears. It stated that Mr. Sears was a passenger on the boat from Havana, Cuba, to Miami, Fla. Mr. Sears was standing near the rail of the steamer, says the captain, when passengers lounging on deck saw him suddenly leap overboard. The vessel was put about and an attempt was made to find the body, but it was never seen to rise from the water, and Capt. Dillon had to continue his voyage to Miami. Capt. Dillon

### ARISTOCRATIC BLOOD.

Is Noble Blood Better Than Common Blood?

BY DOCTOR VALENTINE. IT is often said that he has aristocratic blood in his veins which lifts him above the common herd, and every one is impressed. However, a long line of aristocratic ancestors is not worth a pint of good, rich blood. A healthy father and mother, or a long line of healthy ancestors is much better than noble ancestors. Strenuous blood is the thing, and that



means plenty of red blood corpuscles. There should be in every healthy man about five million to the cubic millimeter. If you have pure, rich blood coursing through your veins and arteries you can be successful as well as strenuous. Some people are "born tired." That's because they inherit bad blood. They have what might be called lazy blood. Some scientists have claimed that such lazy people have peculiarities of structure in the cells of the blood. When the blood is sluggish and lacks red blood corpuscles, we have what might be called stagnation of the blood, which causes headache, constipation, bad colds, cough and a pale countenance. Usually the man who lives an out-of-door life, who earns his living by his brawn and muscle, is a man who can defy bad weather and all kinds of hardships. He is quickening the heart, driving the blood through unused channels, hastening the breathing and increasing the secretions of the skin. He may be able even to abuse his stomach, eat and drink to excess, and yet be fairly healthy. His red blood corpuscles will still keep their shape and color. The person who does not live thus close to nature, who works and sleeps confined in an ill-ventilated room, is risking his life in commercial habits that are ruinous to the stomach and heart—such as lunches consumed at racing speed, overtaxing the blood in the stomach, overwork and late hours—such a person has stomach, heart and nervous system sorely taxed. For improving the nutritive functions we recommend as such times a botanic extract made by Dr. Pierce—it contains no alcohol and offers a reasonable and scientific method of treating the stomach and blood—and

says Mr. Sears had complained of having a slight fever, but otherwise appeared in good spirits. Mr. Briggs is loath to believe that his friend and business associate committed suicide. He thinks he must have accidentally fallen overboard.

"He had no reason for taking his life," said Mr. Briggs this morning. "He was young—only thirty-two—had a good business, and, except for being a little tired from hard work, was in excellent health. He left New York on Dec. 21 for Havana. He went partly for business and partly for pleasure. I had a seventeen-page letter from Sears last week, and apparently he was in unusual bright spirits. He had sent in very large number of orders and spoke of enjoying his trip."

Mr. Sears had been in business in New York about seven years. He came from Montgomery, N. Y., and the only near relative he had in New York was Miss Elizabeth Sears, who worked in his office. He boarded at No. 166 Remsen street, Brooklyn.

### BOY'S SCALP TORN OFF.

Charles Phillips Went Too Near Revolving Shaft.

Charles Phillips, eighteen years old, of No. 722 East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, had his scalp torn off to-day while at work in a factory on the corner of One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street and Willow avenue.

He went too near a revolving shaft and his hair got caught in the machinery. He was removed to the Lincoln Hospital.

helps to keep the balance of health. Most diseases are caused by bacteria which get within the body and invade the blood. Within the blood they must contend against the activity of the healthy blood corpuscles, the leucocytes, who act as policemen and drive out the invaders, providing our blood is in strong and healthy condition. Should these blood corpuscles successfully resist the outside bacteria, then we come through safely and are not taken down with disease. If, on the other hand, our blood is poor, watery, and does not contain the strenuous little leucocytes, we fall a victim to typhoid fever, pneumonia, catarrh of the lungs, consumption, grip—any of the germ



diseases which happen along in our weakest moments. Now, then, if you concede that the blood must be in active, healthy condition, what is the best way to set about putting it into shape? Certainly we should not turn to some blood medicine or tonic which contains a great deal of alcohol, inasmuch as alcohol shrinks up the red blood corpuscles. In order to put the blood in the best condition we must eliminate the bacteria from the body in the best way possible. The kidneys and liver play an important part in this and must be urged to their utmost action to assist in carrying away the poisons in the blood. The only medicine we know of to do this in the best way and at the same time put the stomach in a healthy condition so that the digestive tract will take from the food what is needed to feed the blood, is an old remedy but a good one—it is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

Take for example this case: "I believe that it is generally conceded that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the best medicine for a man to take suffering from indigestion, kidney trouble or any of the afflictions resulting from overwork or neglecting a cold," writes J. Russell Hill, of 332 Barrie Street, Kingston, Ontario, Recording Secretary Imperial Knights' Federation League of Kingston. "I have used it several times during the past few years and have always found that it gave me immediate relief. It expels excessive uric acid in the system due to improper digestion, relieves the kidneys from congestion, drives headache and backache away, induces appetite and tones up the general system. I consider it a fine remedy for young or old men, sure to build up a run-down condition of the system."

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#### Fancy Shell Combs.

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They are of imitation tortoise shell, richly elaborated with gold plated mounts set with baroque or imitation pearls—but without penalty to good taste. The designs are not alone pretty, but far from commonplace. A number of combs of heavy quill, set with rhinestones, are also included.

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Fancy Dresden Taffeta Ribbons, 5 in. floral effects on white grounds. Regular price 65c. At 29c.

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